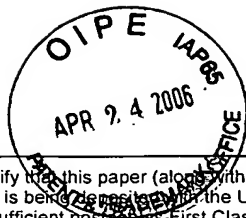


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 18, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. The present communication is being submitted along with a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the time to answer from January 18, 2006 to and including April 18, 2006.